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Squash Classic 2024



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

At the start of the season, the PSA revamped the constitution of its tournaments and added a new category: with the prize money going from 20 to \$30,000, the Monte Carlo Classic became a “Copper” event and is part of the PSA Squash Tour after being a Challenger for a few years. It means that the ranking points are included in the Road to Tour Finals.

Such as a blacksmith, the number of tournaments is forging ahead which is good for athletes. This week, they had the choice between a \$15k in Costa Rica, a Bronze in Malaysia and Monaco, very popular among players due to the quality of the organization. But also because the weather is so nice that you are unlikely to get a pneumonia even in November.

*Jerome Elhaik*



 Fersenn Sherkan

The MC Classic became a Copper event this year.

TOP STORY

# TURMEL HANGS IN THERE

2023 winner  
was troubled by  
Hana Ismail but  
found a way.



The streak continues for Lucy Turmel in Monte Carlo. The English girl, ranked 24 in the world, has only lost once in 7 matches in the event, and it was through retirement. On Wednesday, she had to dig deep, physically and mentally, against a fearless Hana Ismail (WR 81), who never stopped attacking for more than an hour. The end of the match was filled with incredible rallies, and the defending champion relied on her experience to prevail in the business and win 11-7 in the fifth.

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We caught up with Lucy Turmel, who gave us a very insightful view on her match.



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**Lucy  
Turmel**

“She’s had some good results, I did study her game and knew what to expect, she is very aggressive and hits some hard lines. If you let her dominate the middle of the court you are in trouble, the key for me was to find a way to break her down and it was far from easy. Credit to her, she had no pressure and played well.

My defense was crucial in this match, and I picked my opportunities when it mattered. It’s an unusual court, with only one glass side wall, but of course I have good memories here. I am looking forward to my semifinal against Tesni, we have different styles and it’ll be a good matchup.”

## THE OTHER MATCHES

# MURPHY IN CONTROL

Tesni Murphy used all the variety of her shots to beat Hana Ramadan.

### Tesni Murphy

“Yes I think she struggled to read some of my shots, deception is a key part of my game and I try to use it as much as possible,” she said with a big smile on her face. She’s also smiling when she interacts with the referee, which happens fairly often during her matches. “I love it! Actually, it relaxes me and allows me to think about something else. It would be really horrible if we ended up being refereed by robots one day...”



 Fersenn Sherkan

## Chinappa express

After upsetting Mélissa Alves on Tuesday, Joshna Chinappa carried the momentum and was merciless against Alicia Mead. The run continues for the Indian, back after a serious knee injury.



## Perry up a notch

Her start was slowish on Tuesday, but Sarah-Jane Perry is getting some momentum. After a close start, the former World No.5 took complete control against Finland's Emilia Soini.



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# Pic of the day

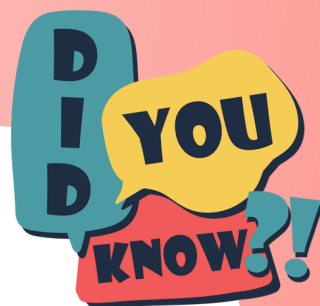


All the pictures will be published shortly but here is a sneak peek of Wednesday's photoshoot, with Hana Ramadan and young local prospect Nicolas Lanza.





# FACTS & FIGURES



The young Egyptian Hana Ismail reached the quarters for her first tournament on the PSA Squash Tour, and will now take a break because of her studies.

There will be 3 British ladies in the semis for the second year in a row at the Monte Carlo Squash Classic.



Speaking to MC Romain Suire after her win, Joshna Chinappa admitted she'd have to change her flight for the second time as she didn't think she'd make it that far!

# OFF COURT

The kids clinic is a tradition during the week of the Monte Carlo Squash Classic. On Wednesday afternoon, a dozen of children from the association's youth academy were lucky enough to be coached by Élise Romba, French number 6 and ranked 98 in the world.





# MONTE-CARLO SQUASH CLASSIC



## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

### QUARTERFINALS, RESULTS

[3] Tesni MURPHY  
(WAL)

3-0  
11-8, 11-6, 11-7

[5] Hana RAMADAN  
(EGY)

[2] Lucy TURMEL  
(ENG)

3-2  
11-4, 9-11, 11-6, 8-11, 11-7

[9/16] Hana ISMAIL  
(EGY)

[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA  
(IND)

3-0  
11-5, 11-4, 11-3

[6] Alicia MEAD  
(ENG)

[1] Sarah-Jane PERRY  
(ENG)

3-0  
11-7, 11-4, 11-4

[7] Emilia SOINI  
(FIN)

# RESULTS



# SCHEDULE



# MONTE-CARLO SQUASH CLASSIC



## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

### SEMIFINALS

[3] Tesni MURPHY  
(WAL)

6pm

[2] Lucy TURMEL  
(ENG)



[1] Sarah-Jane PERRY  
(ENG)

7pm

[9/16] Joshna CHINAPPA  
(IND)




# SEMIFINAL PREVIEW

The first semis is a tough call between World No.19 Tesni Murphy and Lucy Turmel, ranked 3 places below her opponent. The Welshwoman won their 3 previous meetings, but admits “it’s getting closer.”

## Tesni Murphy




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## Lucy Turmel



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It'll be a nice contrast between the young Englishwoman, who usually contains her emotions inside and who relies on her consistency at the back of the court, and the rather outgoing Welshwoman, who likes to use all sort of angles.

# SEMIFINAL PREVIEW

## Sarah-Jane Perry

The first meeting between Sarah-Jane Perry and Joshna Chinappa was in 2012. They were 21 and 25 years old at the time, and crossed paths many times for a decade (H2H is 7-2 to SJ).




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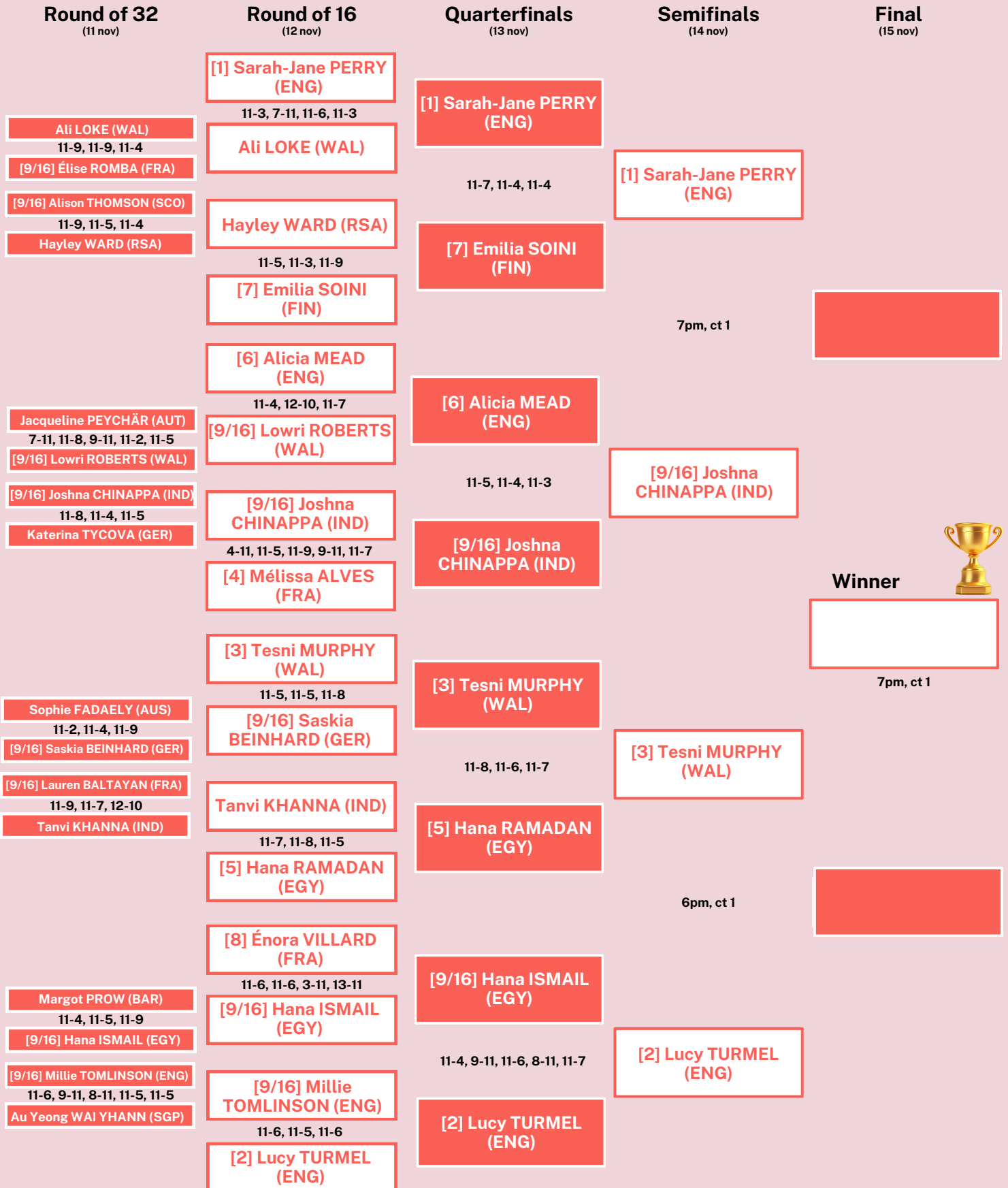
## Joshna Chinappa



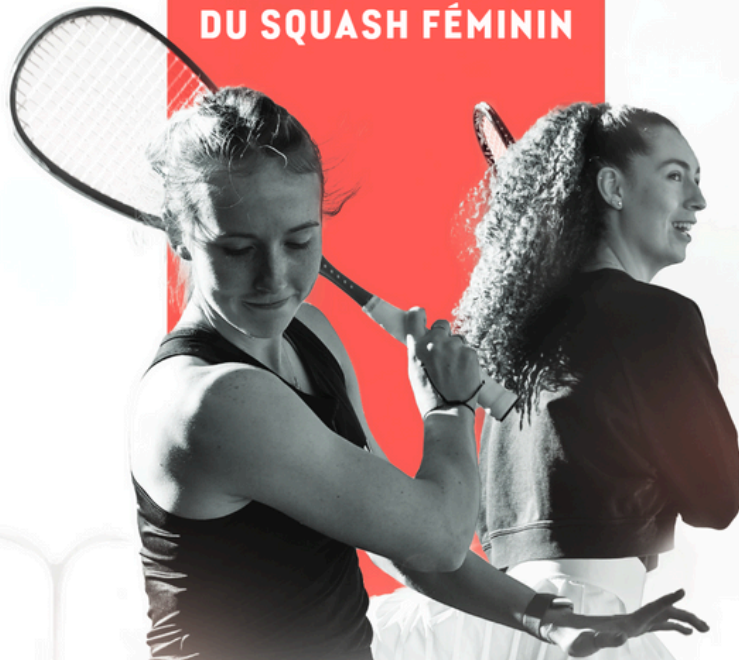
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The Englishwoman makes no secret that she's here to win her first title since her triumph at the 2020 Black Ball Open, but she'll need be cautious against the 38-year old, back from injury and who's been playing with zero pressure since the start of the week.

# MONTE CARLO CLASSIC 2024 - THE DRAW



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